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SUBJECT: LAGOS/APAPA PORT CONGESTION

1. DELAY PERIODS FOR SHIPS WAITING TO BERTH IN NIGERIAN
PORTS, AS OF 11 MAY, WERE AS FOLLOWS:

APAPA IMPORT -- 70-75 DAYS;

APAPA EXPORT -- 10-12 DAYS;

LAGOS CUSTOMS QUAY -- 35-40 DAYS;

APAPA LIGHTER -- 20-25 DAYS;

PORT HARCOURT (GEN.CARGO) -- 30-40 DAYS;

PORT HARCOURT (CEMENT) -- 25-30 DAYS;

WARRI -- 14-16 DAYS;

KOKO -- 10-12 DAYS.

2. THESE FIGURES REPRESENT NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER PREVIOUS
WEEKS. LOCAL FARRELL LINES REP ATTRIBUTES THIS TO (A) STREAM-
LINED CUSTOMS PROCEDURES WITHIN PORT, ALLOWING IMPORTERS TO
CLEAR GOODS FROM WAREHOUSES MORE QUICKLY; AND (B) PRIORITY
BERTHING SYSTEM NOW IN EFFECT WITH THE THREE MAJOR SHIPPING
CONFERENCES. LATTER ARRANGEMENT, BY OBLIGING CONFERENCE
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LINES TO PLAN ARRIVALS THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE, HAS IN EFFECT

REDUCED FREQUENCY OF CONFERENCE SAILING S TO LAGOS. IN ADDITION, AS PART OF ARRANGEMNTS, CONFERENCE HAVE SUPPLIED THEIR OWN MODERN OFFLOADING EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS ALSO PLAYED ROLE IN SPEEDING UP THE TURN-AROUND TIME.

3. FARRELL REP IS HAPPY WITH OPERATION OF PRIORITY BERTHING ARRANGMENT SO FAR. THOUGH FARRELL MIST NOW COMPETE WITH OTHER AMERICAN-WEST AFRICAN CONFERENCE (AWACL) LINES FOR SLOTS IN THE SCHEDULE, AND REDUCE NUMBER OF SAILINGS AS RESULT, IT CAN AT LEAST COUNT ON OBTAINING BERTH SHORLTY AFTER ARRIVAL LAGOS.

4. UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT, SHIPS REGISTER FOR LAGOS BERTH ON ARRIVAL COTONOU. THEY ARE THEN FREE TO GO ELSEWHERE PENDING AVAILABLPIITY DATE OF BERTH. CURRENTLY , FARRELL CAN COUNT ON 12-15 DAY MAXIMUM DELAY BETWEEN REGISTRATION COTONOU AND AVAILABILITY BERTH IN LAGOS; THIS ALLOWS ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE QUICK TRIP (E.&.) TO ABIDJAN OR MONROVIA IN INTERIM.

5. WE UNDERSTAND AWACL IS PLANNING TO HIRE EXPATRIATE COORDINATOR TO WORK ON BERTH AND HELP SPEED THINGS ALONG EVEN MORE.
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